



## Candidate Questionnaire November 7, 2006 General Election

Deadline for Submission of Questionnaire: Thursday, August 31, 2006

Submit electronically, with resume and photo, to [sfyd.issues.action@gmail.com](mailto:sfyd.issues.action@gmail.com)

### BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot:

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Phil		Ting

2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number):

Assessor-Recorder

3. Are you the incumbent?                      Yes

### CAMPAIGN CONTACT INFORMATION

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**POLITICAL BACKGROUND**

1. Beginning with the most recent position, please list public offices which you have held. Include positions on appointive Boards or Commissions.

Public Office	Elective or Appointive?	Dates Held	Leadership Role (if any)
Assessor-Recorder	Appointed and then Elected	July 2005 -- current	

2. If you ran for public office but were not elected, please list those races below:

Office Title	Year of Run
MUD Board	2001

**QUESTIONS**

**1) Are you currently a member of the San Francisco Young Democrats in good standing?**

Yes, I am a proud member of SFYD.

**2) Why are you running, and what makes you qualified for this position?**

I am using my professional experience in management, reform and real estate assessment to make sure the Assessor-Recorder’s office is finding the revenue we need to fund key services.

I am dedicated to finding every single dollar owed to San Francisco because I want to help lead a fair and compassionate city that supports our families and our young people.

I would be honored to receive your support to continue reforming the Assessor-Recorder’s office and finding the revenue we need to protect our communities, improve our schools, and care for the vulnerable.

**3) What are the main challenges facing the city of San Francisco in the context of this position and how will you address those issues, if elected? If you are the incumbent, please list three accomplishments while in office.**

The top challenges facing the City of San Francisco are funding health care for every family in our City,

making sure that we have quality public schools in every neighborhood, and ensuring that families can afford to buy or rent a home in San Francisco. I am working in the Assessor-Recorder's office to make sure we have the resources to address these challenges.

As your Assessor-Recorder I have:

- Generated \$85 million in additional revenue in just one year
  - Created a new team of highly skilled appraisers dedicated to the elimination of the assessment backlog, which will help generate millions of dollars owed to our city
  - Implemented the new "Real Estate Watchdog" Ordinance to make sure large property owners are paying their fair share
- 4) Identify two challenges to San Francisco's young people in the context of the position you seek. What specific commitment will you make to address these issues if elected? If you are the incumbent, how have you addressed these challenges while in office?**

Two of the largest challenges to young people in San Francisco are affordable housing and health care. As Assessor-Recorder, the best thing I can do is make sure we have the revenue to fund these critical priorities in our city.

- 5) If (re-)elected, how, specifically, would you work with SFYD to engage more of San Francisco's young people in the political process?**

Yes. I am committed to bringing young leaders into our political process so that we grow the next generation of leadership. I was fortunate enough to get involved with political organizing from my earliest days in public life and I think we should do more to engage young people in the political process, mentor them and teach them leadership skills.

From the very beginning of my public life, I fought against discriminatory admissions practices at UC Berkeley, joined labor in the national grape boycott, and demanded more faculty diversity.

- 6) Have you collaborated with young people in your work in the past (list specific examples)? What value did you experience in working with young people? How are young people involved in your campaign?**

My campaign staff has always consisted of young people and I have hired a number of young people in senior positions in the Assessor-Recorder's office. I feel strongly that the new ideas and energy from young people is an essential element in every business and political dynamic.

## **EXPERIENCE**

Please list or describe your current and past activities in the community in which you have acquired skills that relate to the office you seek. Include your role in the activity and the year(s) in which you were involved. Involvement consists of many areas such as family, neighborhood, community, employment, or public life. Please explain how your experience would make you an effective advocate for young people as an office holder.

My career has been dedicated to standing up for fairness and equal rights for all Californians.

I have co-chaired the California Coalition on Civil Rights, which is comprised of 48 organizations across the state and serve on California's first ever Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs Commission.

I am also the former Executive Director of the Asian Law Caucus, founded in 1972 to advance and promote the legal and civil rights of the Asian Pacific Islander community. I oversaw all aspects of the organization, including fundraising and fiscal management of the \$1.1 million annual budget, providing guidance and strategic direction to all legal programs and legislative advocacy, staff management, and public relations.

I have been active in opposing anti-civil rights propositions on the ballot including opposing prop 54, 187, 209 and 227 regarding bilingual education. I have walked precincts and made phone calls and volunteered against these measures.

I have direct experience appraising real estate. I have professional training and experience streamlining and reforming businesses and organizations. Throughout my career, I have been a leader in fighting for equal rights and fairness for every San Franciscan.

I began my career as a real estate financial advisor and now have over five years of practical and hands-on experience in fiscal management and property assessments. As a Senior Consultant at Arthur Andersen, I valued real estate properties such as apartment buildings, homes, office space and hotels. I have spent countless hours in the field assessing and appraising the value of real estate.

I have advised government agencies and corporations about ways to increase fiscal efficiency and responsiveness to clients and constituents. I have helped identify cost-saving opportunities, evaluated key organizational processes and streamlined operations for the State of California, Applied Materials, Sun Microsystems, and other technology-based Fortune 500 Companies.

As a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, I have been trained in effective policy-making, with a focus on housing and fiscal policy. As the former Chair of the Citizens' Committee on Community Development, I have advised the Mayor's office and the Board of Supervisors on over \$25 million of Community Development Block Grant funding for housing and social service agencies across the city.

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Please include the following when you submit your candidate survey: a resume and a photo.

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